

**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2008**

*Approved: August 13, 2008*

***The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice was held at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy, located at 3630 Lee Hill Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408.***

***Committee Members Present***

Kevin Appel  
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers  
Ken Bynum  
Cindy Cave, Proxy for Dr. Cannaday, Jr.  
Mark Cranfill  
Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Mr. Barry Green  
The Hon. Jerrauld Jones  
Dr. Jay W. Malcan  
Charles Martin  
The Hon. Michael W. Stewart  
Antonio Sutton  
Wayne Thomas  
Ruby G. Turner

***Committee Members Not Present***

Benjamin Andrews  
The Hon. Robert B. Bell  
Roberto Calderon  
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman  
Peter Feddo  
Eileen Grey  
Andrew Jennings  
Malcolm King for Janet Lung, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard  
Chief Rodney D. Monroe  
The Hon. Charles Phelps  
The Hon. Linda T. Puller  
Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.  
Mark Turnbull  
Gina E. Wood

***DCJS Staff Present***

Priscilla Bowers  
Leonard G. Cooke  
Fran Ecker  
Demian Futterman  
Laureen Hyman  
Tracey Jenkins  
Laurel Marks

**DCJS Staff Present (Continued)**

Ashaki McNeil  
Curtis Stevens  
Roz Trent

**Others Present**

Tara Andrews, CJJ  
Dr. Nicole Parsons-Pollard, Virginia State University

**PLEASE NOTE: A quorum was not met at this meeting. As a result, no motions were made, only suggestions.**

**I. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Charles Martin. All present introduced themselves to the group. Leonard G. Cooke, Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, welcomed those present.

**II. Review of Recommendations of the Grants Subcommittee**

Mr. Wayne Thomas, Chair of the Grants Subcommittee, presented the recommendations from the Grants subcommittee for consideration. All members present supported the recommendations.

**III. Reauthorization**

Ms. Tara Andrews of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice (CJJ) gave an overview of the current status of reauthorization of the JJDP Act. Ms. Fran Ecker noted that the purpose of the report from CJJ was for information purposes only, with no action necessary at this time. CJJ and the ACT4 Juvenile Justice would like to see the following in reauthorization:

- The Jail Removal and Sight and Sound core requirements would be extended to all youth until age 18 who are incarcerated awaiting a hearing or trial, whether charged in juvenile or adult court.
- The JJDP “adult inmate” definition would be revised to allow states to continue to serve certain youth convicted in criminal court in extended juvenile jurisdiction.
- The DMC core protection would be improved by strengthening states’ methods for reducing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.
- The deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO) core protection, which prohibits the jailing of status offenders, would be strengthened by removing the Valid Court Order and Interstate Compacts exceptions. The ACJJ noted that this would not be met with approval in Virginia.

**IV. Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Priorities**

Prior to the discussion on priorities, Judge Jones gave an overview of the FACJJ meeting. He is now Virginia’s representative for the FACJJ, following Mr. Robert Shepherd, whose term expired. Additionally, Judge Jones announced that July 27-30, 2008, is the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges conference in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Charles Martin asked for member input to complete the FACJJ priority listing for submission to the FACJJ. The majority of those members present chose the following as top 10 priorities:

### ***Top 10 Priorities***

1. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC);
2. Juvenile's right to effective assistance of counsel;
3. Community-based programs verses secure custody;
4. Lack of primary prevention services;
5. Mental health assessment and treatment;
6. Substance abuse assessment and treatment;
7. Programming specific to girls/females;
8. Waiver and transfer to adult court and original criminal court jurisdiction for youth;
9. Detention reform; and
10. Sight and sound separation

### ***The three most important issues, (from the list based on those members present) were:***

1. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)
2. Juveniles right to effective assistance of counsel.
3. Community-based programs verses secure custody.

### **V. Title V Funding**

Virginia's allocation for Title V (delinquency prevention) funds for 2008 is \$48,360 (at the time of the meeting it was thought that the amount was \$58,075). DCJS has been asked to partner with 13 other state agencies on the GOSAP collaborative to support a statewide Governor's Underage Drinking Initiative. DCJS sought ACJJ approval to use the 2008 Title V award toward this initiative which will be a preventative outreach for kids not yet detained for possession or consumption of alcohol, and focuses on evidence based programs. The funding for these programs will be for one year only.

### **VI. Office Report**

Materials were distributed containing routine information for members. A written Compliance Monitor's Report was provided.

### **VII. Other Business**

Dr. Jay Malcan introduced Dr. Nicolle-Parsons Pollard to discuss the DMC Conference on April 24, 2008.

### **VIII. Change in Meeting Dates and Locations**

- ***New Retreat Dates:*** September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1, 2008 (will include strategic planning session facilitated by Mr. Tom Begich).
- ***New Subcommittee Meeting Date:*** A DMC Subcommittee meeting is planned for September 29, 2008, so that Mr. Begich can assist the DMC subcommittee with preparing a strategic plan for DMC.

### **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm following a brief moment of silence to remember the Virginia Tech Victims and their families.